

Senate Joint Resolution 4 - Introduced

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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution
2 of the State of Iowa providing that the people of the state
3 have a right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife.
4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Article I of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is amended
4 by adding the following new section:

5 **Right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife. SEC. 24A.**

6 1. The citizens of this state have the right to hunt, fish,
7 and harvest wildlife, including by the use of traditional
8 methods, subject to reasonable laws enacted by the general
9 assembly and reasonable rules adopted by the state executive
10 branch to promote wildlife conservation and management, to
11 maintain natural resources held in trust by the state for
12 public use, and to preserve the future of hunting, fishing, and
13 harvesting wildlife.

14 2. Public hunting, fishing, and harvesting of wildlife
15 shall be a preferred means of managing and controlling
16 wildlife.

17 3. This section shall not be construed to modify any
18 provision of law relating to eminent domain, trespass, or
19 property rights.

20 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing proposed
21 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred
22 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general
23 election for members of the general assembly and the secretary
24 of state is directed to cause it to be published for three
25 consecutive months before the date of the election as provided
26 by law.

27 **EXPLANATION**

28 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
29 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

30 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
31 Constitution of the State of Iowa providing that the citizens
32 of this state have the right to hunt, fish, and harvest
33 wildlife, using traditional methods, subject to reasonable laws
34 enacted by the general assembly and reasonable rules adopted
35 by the state executive branch to promote wildlife conservation

1 and management, to maintain natural resources held in trust
2 by the state for public use, and to preserve the future of
3 hunting, fishing, and harvesting wildlife. The proposed
4 amendment further states that hunting, fishing, and harvesting
5 wildlife shall be a preferred means of managing and controlling
6 wildlife and that the proposed amendment shall not be construed
7 to modify any provision of law relating to eminent domain,
8 trespass, or property rights.

9 The proposed amendment, if adopted, would be referred to the
10 next general assembly for adoption a second time, before being
11 submitted to the electorate for ratification.